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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, 2002 for three (3) months from January 16, 2003 to April 16, 2003.

A credit card authorization form including the amount of \$930.00 to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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